

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John K. HOWARD

Serial No.: 10/068,854

Filed: February 11, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DNA HYBRIDIZATION



: Customer Number: 20277
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: Confirmation Number: 8969
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: Group Art Unit: 1634
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: Examiner: Bradley L. SISSON
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of July 22, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-17, drawn to an apparatus for identifying an unknown DNA) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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